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For the DCI:

Forwarded is the Library of Congress' copy of David R. Palmer's The Way of the Fox: American Strategy in the War for America, 1775-1783. Unfortunately, the book is not in any of the Agency's collections, and Greenwood advises that it is out of print with no prospect for reprinting.

For details on Washington's strategy I have favored Fiske's two-volume The American Revolution and Carrington's Battle Maps and Charts of the American Revolution. You will see that Fiske drew on Carrington's maps. For spot reference there is still nothing better than Mark Boatner's Encyclopedia of the American Revolution. He also draws on Fiske and Carrington, but in a highly readable and detailed presentation. All are attached for your information.



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MEMORANDUM FOR:


Curator, Historical Intelligence

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FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

Do you have The Way of the Fox by
David Palmer published in 1975 by
Greenwood Press? If you do, I would like
to have it tomorrow along with whatever book
you think does the best job on Washington
as strategist.


William J. CaseyDCI
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15 November 1982

For the DCI:

I like it! I strongly believe that for the "message" of our origins to carry weight it must be conveyed by the writer's public prestige. This should do it.

The "strategy and intelligence" goal provides the proper mix that should ~~should~~ discourage many possible detractors who would be offended if it focused only on the intelligence aspects (i.e. "self-serving"). For that reason, as well, I would urge caution at too much editing down of the detail taken from your original work. I learned the hard way, at the time of the pamphlet, that too direct a focus on intelligence leaves one awash when the criticism rolls in. (After Congressman Dellum's objection to the "domestic propaganda," the first call I received from the seventh floor was "What was your authority for your pamphlet?" Fortunately, John Warner's staff at ARBA was able to provide me with a marketable response.)

I would be pleased if anything I have written could be used in shaping out your planned book. I am more of a missionary than those who have not read my blatant articles and heard my propaganda-laden talks might suspect. To add to your burden, I send along two more items in which you might find tidbits to round out the narrative with a bit of salted intelligence:

a. Minutemen of Intelligence, the aborted ms. which I wrote, then abandoned in 1976, when I came to the realization what I was far better at counterintelligence and security (my profession for over two decades until the Watergate-Church era), than historical writing. It was drawn almost exclusively from secondary sources as a framework of what I hoped could be expanded into an encyclopedic recounting of intelligence during the conflict from an intelligence officer's perspective. Although I continue to collect on the topic, the rewrite is as distant as ever; I find it more financially rewarding to write about microcomputers in my spare time. General Walters drew on it for talks he gave at the time, and I believe he shared it with Mr. Marsh and Mr. Persico. Other than that, it has been unused. Perhaps you will find sufficient, focused, anecdotes therein to illustrate points in your text.

b. Intelligence on this Day. During the Bicentennial I had to feed a six day a week radio show with events of 200 years ago "on this day." Some intelligence made it into the

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scripts, but I had to be careful not to overdo it. As a companion of that research, I did a separate series for use in speeches (little used by the hierarchy) and for posting on a daily basis here, at ASA and a few other friendly (and interested) Community activities. You may find some liftable quotes and cites for use within your text.

Another item you wish to glance at is Loesher's Washington's Eyes, which could perhaps spice up the tactical narratives with intelligence collection by the Dragoons.

The concept of the Educational Aid Fund as a recipient of the proceeds, I believe, is a good way of lashing the origins of our service to the present needs of the service. It should be well received by our fellow workers.

I am presuming, dangerously, that you might also be inviting criticism of the work so far. I offer one, only to spare kindly George III a bum rap among the valid ones. The phrase "hired Germans" does not take into account that as Elector of Hanover, some of the troops were already his, and quite distinct from those he rented from the German princes.

If there is anything additional I can do, including hitting the boxes at home for things supplemental to those you have seen, I will be pleased to do so.



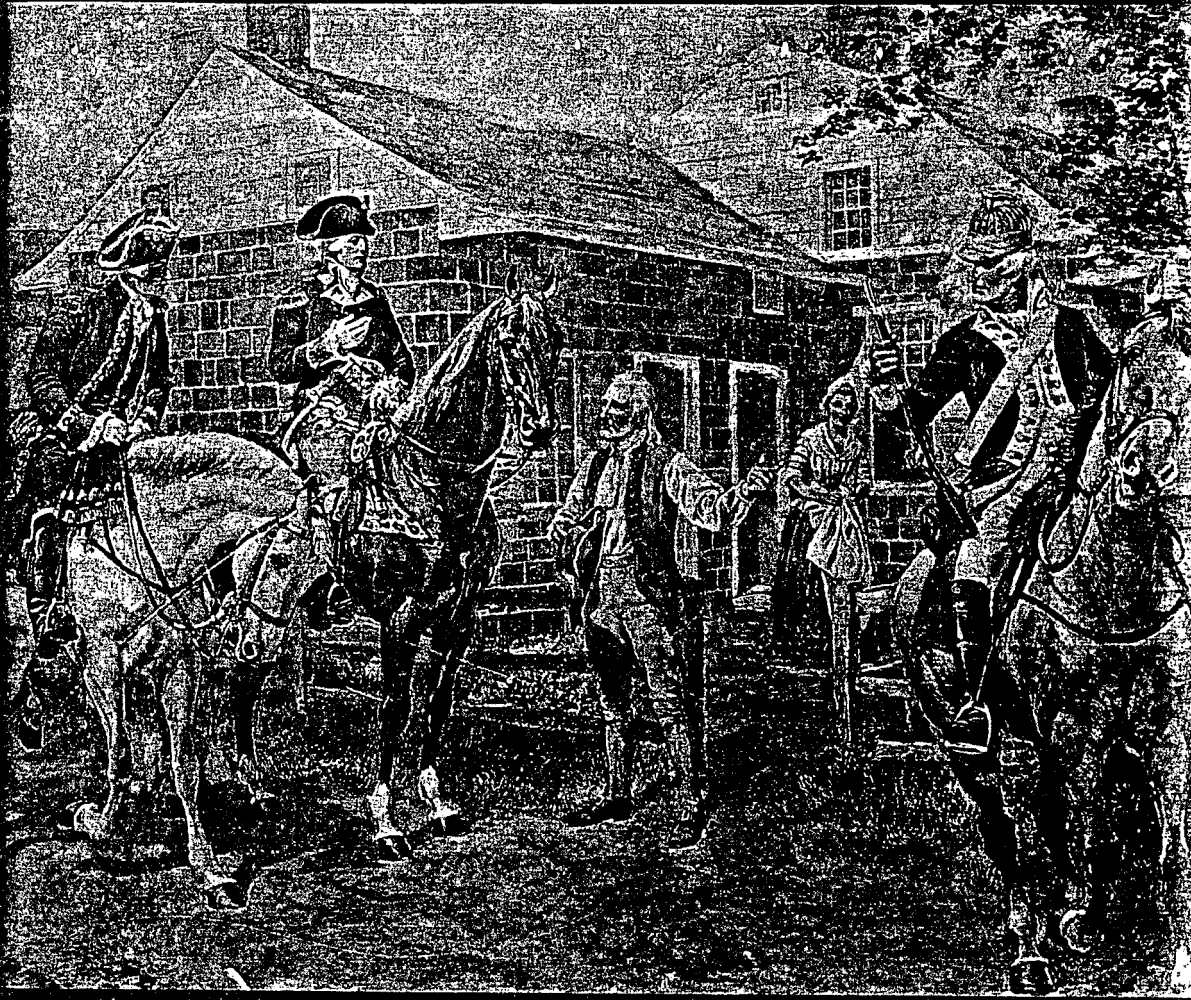
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WASHINGTON'S EYES

The Continental Light Dragoons



Burt Garfield Loescher